

STATE OF IOWA
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
UTILITIES BOARD

IN RE: MIDAMERICAN ENERGY COMPANY	DOCKET NO. P-844
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ORDER ASSIGNING TO PRESIDING OFFICER

(Issued May 9, 2002)

On January 31, 2002, MidAmerican Energy Company (MidAmerican) filed a petition requesting that the Utilities Board (Board) issue a permit to construct, operate, and maintain a new natural gas pipeline. The pipeline will consist of 12.6 miles of 16-inch diameter pipeline and will take natural gas from a Northern Natural Gas Company pipeline at a connection point east of Ankeny, Iowa, to MidAmerican's Pleasant Hill Energy Center and the proposed Des Moines Energy Center. The two energy centers are located south of Pleasant Hill in Polk County, Iowa.

Several deficiencies were found in the petition and MidAmerican was notified of those deficiencies by letter dated March 14, 2002. MidAmerican filed revisions and additional information to correct the deficiencies and the petition is now sufficiently in compliance with procedural requirements.

Iowa Code § 479.7 (2001) requires the Board to set a hearing in a pipeline proceeding upon the filing of a petition. The Board will assign this proceeding,

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identified as Docket No. P-844, to a presiding officer to establish a procedural schedule, set a hearing date, and conduct the proceedings.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

Docket No. P-844 is assigned to a presiding officer to establish a procedural schedule and exercise the authority provided in 199 IAC 7.1(4).

UTILITIES BOARD

/s/ Diane Munns

/s/ Mark O. Lambert

ATTEST:

/s/ Judi K. Cooper
Executive Secretary

/s/ Elliott Smith

Dated at Des Moines, Iowa, this 9th day of May, 2002.